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SUBJECT: JAPANESE ATTITUDES TOWARD UNIDO

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1. APROPOS OF REFTEL JAPANESE MISSION HAS GIVEN US
TEXT OF JAPANESE STATEMENT ON UNIDO MADE AT TENTH
CONSULTATION LEVEL GENEVA GROUP MEETING (GENEVA
1062). STATEMENT CONTAINS FOLLOWING PASSAGES
RELEVANT TO POINTS COVERED IN PARAS 4 AND 5 REFTEL.

2. ON QUESTION JAPANESE REPRESENTATION IN SECRETARIAT
STATEMENT READS " WE HAVE CERTAIN RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE
WAY (THE POSITIONS OF) DIVISION DIRECTORS AT UNIDO
HEADQUARTERS ARE ROTATED AMONG PEOPLE OF A VERY
LIMITED NUMBER OF NATIONALITIES. IT IS OUR WISH THAT
THE CREATION OF THE POST OF DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WOULD OPEN THE WAY FOR QUALIFIED PERSONS OF OTHER
NATIONALITIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE NATIONALITIES WHICH
ARE UNDER- REPRESENTED IN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS."

3. ON QUESTION OF DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIDO AS
OPPOSED TO UNDP JAPANESE STATEMENT READS " IN THE PAST
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WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN A NUMBER OF SYMPOSIA, EXPERT MEETINGS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS WITH UNIDO IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNDP FINANCING. BUT WE WERE OFTEN FRUSTRATED BECAUSE THE EXPECTED UNDP CONTRIBUTION FAILED TO MATERIALIZE WHILE THE COUNTERPART FUND PLEDGED BY OUR GOVERNMENT WAS WASTED AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR. THUS, CAREFULLY PREPARED PROJECTS WERE TOO OFTEN PUT IN JEOPARDY. THIS HAS PROMPTED US TO RETHINK THE PRINCIPLE WE HAVE FAITHFULLY ADHERED TO SO FAR, OF CHANNELING ALL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS OF THE U. S. FAMILY OF ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH UNDP. UNIDO IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION BESIDES UNDP WHICH CAN ACCEPT DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS AT ANNUAL PLEDGING CONFERENCES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF THE GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED (MADE PLEDGES) IN THE PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR UNIDO AND I MUST AGREE THAT IN CERTAIN CASES THE COOPERATION THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED THROUGH DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS COULD SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES-- CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES, UNIDO AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES-- BETTER." STIBRAVY

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